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	1.	The recent re-distribution of Communist forces in South China* suggests a	
 25X1		possible change in the Hainan invasion** plans. As presently disposed, the Communists could have offensive or defensive intentions concerning Hong Kong	:•

2. During the week before 6 March 1950 it was strongly rumored by Kwangtung Provincial Government personnel that the Communists are planning to postpone or even cancel plans for Hainan** and Taiwan invasions in favor of an invasion of Southeast Asia. The main reasons given are the necessity to insure an increase in the food supply of armies in South China and the belief that it is necessary to proceed rapidly in Southeast Asia to forestall American intervention***.

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Comment. According to 7 March newspaper reports, a force of 1,000 Chinese Communist troops has landed on Hainan.

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It has been suggested in other reports available to this office that the Communist regrouping is to establish defenses against a possible Nationalist invasion in the Pearl River Delta 25X1 area.

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